MERCHANTS ENJOY BIG GET-TOGETHER NIGHT

Many Visitors Here for Opening Events of Better Acquaintance Week.

DEMAND FOR RICHMOND GOODS

Retailers Here to Purchase Stock Say That War in Europe Is Causing Little Effect on Demand for Retail Goods.

Gloom was slain and hundreds of Gloom was slain and hundreds of Southern merchants and Richmond people laughed at the slaughter on the roof garden of the Richmond Hotel last night, when good fellowship prevailed at a carnival of music, feasting and dancing at the "Get-together-entertainment," which marked the opening of "Better Acquaintance Week," arranged by the trade extension bureau of the Chamber of Commerce. Strangers were accorded a welcome such as Richmond alone can give, and indications

were accorded a welcome such as Richmond alone can give, and indications are that this week will be a memorable one in the social and business history of the city.

Asserting that the traditions, feelings and history of those assembled about the banquet tables were as the story of a single people, Mayor George Ainslie said the hearts and doors of Richmond folk are wide open to those who have come here from Virginia. who have come here from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and other States to attend the com-mercial festival. He was introduced by Alvin M. Smith.

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IN WAR SITUATION
W. T. Dabney, business manager of
the Chamber of Commerce, introduced
to the audience as "The One Bill," told
the merchants that he had authentic
information from the trouble zones of
the Old World that everything would
be all right in a few days, and advised
them not to be alarmed over the European situation. That the hostilities
abroad will serve to boost the prices
of American products was the opinion
expressed. Those who were not at first
inclined to accept his optimistic expressions as sound economy were perinclined to accept his optimistic expressions as sound economy were persuaded to do so when the orchestra stationed at the rear of the speaker's rostrum struck up the first bar of "Dixie" before he had hardly finished thanking his auditors for their "kind attention." When the music changed to ragtime, W. H. Adams, president of the Board of Aldermen, and J. T. Palmatary, member of the trade extension matary, member of the trade extension bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, broke the ice for the dancers by doing what they said were the most modern tango steps.

Refreshments were served, and a special cabaret performance added much to the evening's entertainment. Friendly groups gathered about the tables, and retailers, wholesalers and traveling salesmen discussed general business conditions. The business men were inclined to treat with a spirit of levity the suggestion that a serious handlean to America. were inclined to treat with a spirit of levity the suggestion that a serious handleap to American commercial enterprises will result from the foreign wars. Questioned as to the general business outlook in their respective localities, the majority of the visiting merchants made the most optimistic responses. Reports indicated that farmers in this section of the country will receive good prices for their crops of tobacco and cotton this year, and that merchants will find little trouble in getting cash for the fall and winter stocks of goods which are now being purchased. Considerable buying was done on the local market yesterday by visiting merchants.

HICHMOND-MADE GOODS

to W. E. Hawkins, who is in charge of a large mercantile concern at Laurens "Of course, Richmond is some distance from my section," said Mr. Hawkins, "but many South Carolina merchants are finding out that it pays to buy goods in Richmond." The South Carolina merchant stated that low freight rates are effective from Richmond to nearly all points in his territory, and that people of the Palmond products.

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FOR AMERICAN RELIEF
ROME, August 10.—Thomas Nelson
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authorized by the Washington government to divide proportionately among
the American consuls in Italy the sum
of \$25,000 for the relief of stranded
Americans.

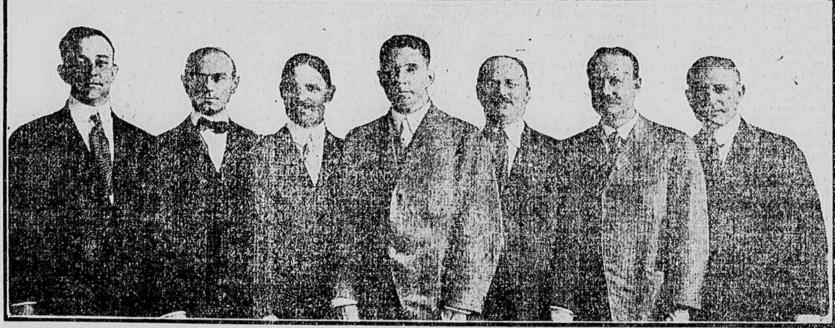
Americans.

Attempts are being made to notify Americans in Switzerland they can enter Italy, where conditions are more normal. In Switzerland, it is said, besides the difficulty of Americans securing money, some hotels have begun to curtail meals. Similar conditions are said to exist at French resorts.

Queen Calls for Aid.

AMSTERDAM (via London), August
11.—Queen Wilhelmina has issued a
proclamation calling upon everybody to
assist those in need. She suggests the
formation of a general benevolent committee, with the Minister of Commerce as president.

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Left to right: W. T. Dabne y, A. H. Felthaus, J. T. Palmatary, W. B. Broaddus, Alvin M. Smith, E. H. Long, Herace F. Smith.

SUPREME COURT GRANTS . WRIT AND SUPERSEDEAS

Will Review Complicated Litigation Between Two Lynchburg Stores.

CONSTRUE CONTRACT OF SALE

R. S. Ogleby, Inc., Sues S. W. Ould Company, Inc.-Lower Court Dismissed Suit on Demurrer, From Which Action Plaintiff Appeals.

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"I don't see that the war in European is hurting business in my section," said W. R. Franklin, a leading retail merchant of Franklinton, N. C. A large number of North Carolina merchants are here for "Better Acquaintance Week," and many of them made large purchases yesterday.

With few exceptions merchants representing practically every section of Virginia say that general business condition are good, Merchants are here from dition are good, Merchants are here from cities, towns and rural communities all the way from the Tidewater counties to the mountain district to the West, and none of them are howling calamity.

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Figures secured yesterday from the registration bureau, in charge of A. H. Felhaus, show that more visitors were here for the opening day of "Better Acqualntance Week" this year than were in attendance at the beginning of the event last year. Wednesday and Thursday will be the "biggest days" of the week, it is thought.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE WELCOMES VISITORS Every visitor is receiving a personal reception to the city, and a hearty welcome for members of the reception committee, in charge of W. T. Palmatary, are meeting all trains and directing the visitors to the registration bureau where everything possible for them is being done. Many of the merchants have brought members of their families with them, and to all who have come an enjoyable time is assured.

The feature attraction for the merchants to-night will be a wrestling match and athletic entertainment between Ed ("Strangler") Lewis and Sampson, "The German Gladiator." The event will be staged at Broad Street Basehall Park, and promises to be one of unusual interest. The auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel will be scene of activities to-morrow evening when an attractive program including several speeches by men of the week in the merchants beeches by men of the sevent speeches and speeches by men of the sevent speeches by men of the sevent speeches speeches by men of the sevent speeches by men of the sevent speeches speeches and speeches speeches speeches speeches speeches speeches speeches speeches

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The petitioner then brought suit in the Corporation Court of Lynchburg to the sale contract of May 27, 1911. A receiver for the abandoned assets was appointed and topk charge. In August 16 the sale contract of May 27, 1911. A receiver for the abandoned assets was appointed and topk charge. In August 16 the composed of R. L. Biscoe, Henry Warden, J. F. Gouldman, Jr., has decided to recommend to the Council court of Lynchburg. During the period of the receivership, which term instead September 18, 1912, file receivers collected and disbursed \$223,439,85. Finally, on March 39, 1914, the court sustained the demurrer and dismissed the bill.

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Suffragettes Released. LONDON, August 10.—As a result of the war, King George to-day, through Reginald McKenna, Home Sceretary, ordered the release of all militant suffragettes in prison for breaches of the peace. Mr. McKenna made this an-nouncement in the House of Commons.

RECRUITS FOR ARMY ARE
ENLISTING BY THOUSANDS
LONDON, August 10.—Recruits for
the army are enlisting at the rate of several thousand a day. men are organizing their employes into afth line of defense. A majority of

the able-bodied men of the country CITY IS COVERED are drilling in their home organiza.

Queen Alexandra, who started the soldiers' and sailors' relief fund, has consented to merge her fund with that of the Prince of Wales. Queen Alexandra and former Queen Marie Amelie, nard, in France, to-night, and their of Portugal, to-day visited the head-quarters of the Prince of Wales' fund. where they were informed it had reached \$2,500,000.

SEVEN PROMINENT GERMANS
FARIS (via London), August 10.—
It is reported from Belfort that because of the execution of French subjects by Germans, seven prominent residents of the German town of Montreax-Vieux, just ever the frontier, have been taken by the French as hostages.

Members of Parliament Shot.

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[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
PARIS, August 10.—Several leading
Serbo-Croatian members of the Vienna
Parliament and of the Hungarian Diet
have been shot by the Austrian military authorities, according to dispatches received here.

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were fired on by three workmen, according to reports.

The village was given over to pillage
by the Germans and three workmen
were taken out and shot.

The Gazette states that a secret German arms depot, plentifully supplied,
has been discovered here.

BY VAST NETWORK OF GERMAN SPIES

Germans have been forbidden to en- show that the Germans have begun to

Germans have been forbidden to engage in banking business except with the permission of the Home Secretary. The order includes bank directors in the directorates of English banks are many prominent Germans.

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Answer Calls Promptly

If you are slow in answering your telephone bell, the party calling you may get tired waiting and hang up. What is often blamed as "slow service" is often caused by the called party not answering his bell promptly.

If someone else is wanted, do not place the receiver back on the hook while you get him, as placing the receiver on the hook automatically signals the operator that the conversation is finished.

When you Telephone-Smile



THE CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE COMPANY

OF VIRGINIA

Just lift the lid For the hungry kid And give him all he can eat!

This big box of toasted corn flakesa lot more than you can get elsewhere for 10 cents, gives a hard playing boy a daily feast that plumps him up, makes him grow, and costs a mere trifle.

Be sure you get these corn flakes, that the children like best!